



Region 15

Fall 2024 Semi-Annual Report

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FALL MEETING 2024

Hosted by the Prescott Area Iris Society
in Prescott, AZ

Saturday, October 12th, 2024

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Region 15 Spring Trek 2024



Top left: Derry, Jill and Allie exploring the garden beds

Top right: the dining and meeting area

Middle: TB 'Better than Magic' (Burseen 2020)

Bottom left: auction items up for raffle

Bottom right: iris up for raffle



Thank you Inland Region Iris Society!

Photo Credits: Claire Schneider



Note from the Editor

Hello fellow AIS Region 15 members!

It was nice to see some of you at the 2024 Spring Trek in Riverside, CA. There were so many iris in bloom within walking distance of the meeting venue. The only other Spring Trek I had been to was my local one. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the 2024 Fall Meeting.

It sure has been a strange summer for me - very muggy, cloudy and relatively mild until just recently, since I am a bit closer to the coast than most. I know inland areas had some extreme record-setting or even record-breaking heat this summer, so I hope your gardens are doing okay and bounce back.

I went on a family road trip up the east side of California all the way to the border with Oregon. I did not see any iris but I saw some wild leopard lilies in Lassen National Park. The fires have done major damage to the forests in that area, and some areas show no signs of recovery even three years after the Dixie Fire. Other areas showed how resilient nature is, as well as how a forest fire can spread so quickly that it sometimes spares a few pockets, mostly the meadows.



Please, please get your reports in on time. I am editor of multiple newsletters on top of work and my other society obligations, so when I set a deadline, please honor it. I have a hard deadline by which I need to mail the printed newsletters, plus the time it takes to print them and the time it takes to make those last minute additions and rearrangements. Rush printing incurs higher costs, and we as a Region need to keep costs down, since our only income is what the affiliate clubs contribute from their rhizome auctions.

Olga Batalov, Editor

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www.region15ais.org



On the Cover: 'Camera Ready' (Tasco 2009), winner of best plicata at 2024 SDIS spring show (exhibitor: Mary Hanson), photo by Olga Batalov

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Region 15
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AIS Region 15 Trek Wheel

Event	Trek Host	Location
2024 Fall Meeting	Prescott Area Iris Society	Prescott, AZ
2025 Spring Trek	Inland Region Iris Society	Redlands, CA
2025 Fall Meeting	Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society	San Marino, CA
2026 Spring Trek	Sun Country Iris Society	Phoenix, AZ
2026 Fall Meeting	SoCal Iris Society or TAIS	TBD
2027 Spring Trek	San Diego Iris Society	San Diego, CA

Get more info about upcoming Region 15 Treks from our website

www.region15ais.org

Visit us on Facebook

Membership Update (as of 8/15/2024)



By Mason Train, Membership Chair

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 213 (200 individuals)
TOTAL YOUTH: 1
TOTAL AFFILIATES: 10 (No change)

TOTAL AIS MEMBERS: 213 (199 adults, 1 youth, 3 libraries, 10 affiliates)
AZ = 76 (72 adults, 1 youth, 3 affiliates)
CA = 137 (127 adults, 7 affiliates, 3 botanical gardens/libraries)

Of the 200 individual memberships:
71 are full memberships (print + e-member)
76 are print only memberships
28 are e-memberships only
24 are Life memberships
1 is youth print membership

Editor's note: Additionally, 10 former AIS members are in their grace period after their membership dues were not renewed earlier this year.



AIS Region 15 RVP Message

By Beth Balaney-Train, Region 15 RVP

Hello Region 15! What a summer we've been having! Temperatures were in the triple digits most days and the garden (and gardener) didn't like it at all. I could hardly keep up with watering my potted plants. The iris garden languishes with brown leaf tips left untrimmed. It is just too hot to be doing garden chores safely. I hope autumn brings cooler temperatures.

Thank you Inland Region Iris Society for hosting the AIS Region 15 Spring Trek last April 20th. It was a lovely spring day filled with friendly faces and beautiful iris blooms. I've heard that the attendees enjoyed the single garden

venue and the Holk Memorial Garden showed the guest irises well. By this time, the affiliates should have received the Region 15 trek guest iris rhizomes for their auction/sale to benefit Region 15. The irises were grown well by IRIS members. Many thanks to the hybridizers and the affiliates for supporting the region.

The trek wheel is full until 2027. Please consider hosting a spring trek or a fall meeting, especially if your club hasn't hosted one in years!!! I'm sure you could think of innovative ways to host a trek or meeting, much like IRIS did this past spring (and will do again in Spring 2025).

The AIS National Convention in Portland, OR last June was a joy to attend. I don't grow Japanese irises because of their specific cultural requirements, which my garden can't provide, so it was great to see these beautiful irises in full bloom at the convention gardens. I'm glad Mason and I attended this convention and learned more about Japanese irises. This was only the second time that the AIS Convention has featured a non-bearded iris; the first time was in 2018 co-hosted by the Society for Louisiana Irises in New Orleans, LA. Both events offered unique experiences.

Thank you Region 15 members for turning in your AIS symposium ballots in a timely manner. I recorded them in an Excel File provided by Howard Dash, the AIS RVP Chair and submitted them in August. The top tall bearded irises among Region 15 respondents are: 'Bottle Rocket,' 'Autumn Explosion,' 'Mesmerizer,' 'Thornbird,' 'Belle Fille,' 'Chihuahuan Desert,' 'That's All Folks,' 'Jesse's Song,' 'Clarence,' 'Drama Queen' and 'You're So Veined.'

The Fall Meeting will be in Prescott, AZ. I plan to attend. I am looking forward to seeing Rick Tasco again and hearing his program on aril and aribred irises. I hope to see most of you on October 12th.



*Above: Beth at Mt. Pleasant Iris Farm. Right: Mid-America Gardens
Photo credits: Mason Train*



AIS Judges Training

By Mary Hanson, Region 15 Asst. RVP

and Judges Training Chair

Greetings Region 15 iris lovers,

As of July 31, 2024: Region 15 had 26 judges, of which 7 are Master judges and one is an Emeritus judge. 10 judges are also certified as artistic design judges. We have 3 retired judges and 7 active students. On August 22nd, Denise Stine passed away, one of our G/E and artistic judges.

Several judges were dropped from active status due to failure to renew their AIS membership in a timely manner. Maintaining active membership is a requirement to serve as an AIS accredited judge. Several other judges were reminded that 10 hours of Judges training classes, including 2 hours of in-garden training, for G/E judges and 3 hours of training, including 1 hour of in-garden training, for Master judges over a three year period are necessary to maintain status as an AIS accredited judge.

Region 15 offered 13 Judges training opportunities in the 2023-2024 year. 6 were offered by Sun Country Iris Society, 4 were offered by Inland Region Iris Society and one each was offered by Lompoc Valley Iris Society, San Diego Iris Society and Southern California Iris Society in 2024.

Judges, remember, you can give a judges training and it counts toward your judges training hours. If looking for judges training opportunities, attend regional treks and meetings or go to the National Convention.

Two judges trainings have already been approved for the upcoming year: one on November 5th, 2024 on Novelty Irises taught by Beth Train and one at the 2025 Spring Trek on Artistic Design also taught by Beth Train.

Nearly 100% of Region 15 judges voted the official ballot and nearly 100% returned their activity report. One Master judge requested to retire.

Mary

AIS Webinars

The American Iris Society has been hosting webinars via Zoom since the summer of 2020. All the AIS webinars are **FREE of charge** to AIS members, AIS sections and local iris club members. For the most current information, visit www.irises.org/news-events/ or read your latest *News & Notes* email.

All of the past webinars, including JTs, are now posted on YouTube, so you can watch them again. See [The American Iris Society - YouTube](#) for the complete list of available videos. If you subscribe to the AIS YouTube channel, you will be notified when new videos are uploaded. For more information, send an email to aiswebinars@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

AIS REGION 15 2024 proposed budget

By Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 Treasurer

	2024 Budget	2023 Expenses
RVP Travel	\$1000	\$ 0
OFFICER FUND		
RVP	\$ 500	\$ 56.89
aRVP	\$ 500	\$ 206.25
Secretary	\$ 500	\$ 0
Treasurer	\$ 500	\$ 26.87
Website	\$ 495	\$ 495
JT expenses	\$ 50	\$ 52.31
Newsletter	\$1500	\$1011.43
Awards	\$ 200	\$ 50
Shipping	\$ 200	\$ 82.81
AIS Convention	\$ 250	\$ 250
Spring Trek	\$ 800	\$ 800
Fall Meeting	\$ 600	\$ 0
Misc.	\$ 100	\$ 70
TOTAL	\$7,195	\$3,101.56
 DONATIONS		\$3,559.00
	+\$457.44	

The balance as of August 2023 was:

Checkbook balance: \$13,102.06

Investment account: \$16,111.02

Total balance: \$29,213.08

American Iris Society Youth



AIS Youth Program Report

Cheryl Deaton, Region 15 and AIS Youth Chair

We currently have 1 youth member on the roster who joined recently. The AIS membership for our other youth member has not been renewed yet.

The American Iris Society



Check AIS membership status:
system.irises.org/membership/web-based-lookup

Renew membership
(pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard)
www.irises.org/aismembers/

Membership Rates (Print):

Annual Single \$30 / Dual \$35
Triennial Single \$70 / Dual \$85

Life Single \$1500 / Dual \$2000
Life Senior (65+) 15% discount
Youth (< 19 y/o) with Bulletin \$12
Youth (< 19 y/o) without Bulletin \$8

Annual E-membership: \$15
(online Bulletin + Irisregister)

Full Membership (Print + E-member)

Annual Single \$45 / Dual \$50
Triennial Single \$115 / Dual \$130

Send payments to:
Jean Richter
1226 High Street
Alameda, CA 94501
Phone: (510) 864-7962
E-mail: memsec@irises.org



www.AISYouth.com

Please include youth's name,
address, email and birthdate.

AIS CONVENTIONS

2025 Convention

2025 June 2-7, Billings, MT

Hosted by: [Big Sky Iris Club](http://BigSkyIrisClub)

2025 Convention Co-Chair: Delane H. Langton
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2026 AIS Convention

2026 May 18-23 (Tentative), NJ & NY

2026 Convention Co-Chair: Gary White
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2026 Convention Co-Chair: Jill Bonino
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2026 Convention Co-Chair: Andi Rivarola
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FUTURE SECTION CONVENTIONS

None currently planned

For most current additional information,
visit irises.org/aismembers/conventions/

FUTURE REGION 15 TREKS

2025 Spring Trek

Inland Region Iris Society

April 25-26, 2025: Riverside, CA

2025 Fall Meeting

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society

TBD, 2025: San Marino, CA



The American Iris Society Membership Drive 2024



Thinking about the Future

The purchase of one new full AIS membership qualifies the purchaser for up to two free, one-year, youth print memberships. In addition, if an AIS member upgrades to a full membership from a print or e-membership, they also will qualify for up to two free, one year, youth print memberships.

From seedling to plant

Youth membership is for gardeners aged 18 and younger. (FYI, the regular rate for each youth print membership is \$12.) The Membership Drive will run from March 1 to December 31, 2024.



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Using
Japanese Iris
in
Arrangements



Photos taken at the AIS National
Convention 2024 in Portland, OR.
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Join the Affiliate Work Group!!

By Claire Schneider

Last year, Jody Nolin, former AIS president and current AIS affiliate chair, formed a Google group whose goal is to share successful ideas and strategies for iris clubs, societies, and affiliates.

At a previous meeting, Michael Kowolchyz talked about how he has recruited and kept over 400 members for his Oklahoma Iris Society. He described how last year at their sale, they sold out of 1200 pots of irises in two hours. At another meeting of the group, we learned how to maximize Facebook and other social media for advertising our sales and club events. Veronica Johnson was the speaker at another meeting and talked about the issue of non-profit and the umbrella of the American Iris Society. Successful fund-raising strategies is a topic that comes up at most meetings. There are lots of great ideas out there that will make our clubs, affiliates, and societies more fun, interesting, and successful. We would love to hear yours!!

The Affiliate Work Group meets once a month via Zoom. Most of the attendees are club presidents, but Jody welcomes anyone from any club to attend. She has emphasized that information shared is valuable no matter who shares it. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in this group, send Jody an email requesting the link to the next Zoom meeting.

Jody Nolin, AIS Affiliate Chair - affiliatesliaison@irises.org



Request For Guest Irises

The Sun Country Iris Society will be hosting the 2026 Spring Trek for AIS Region 15. The garden tour will feature 3 gardens in the Greater Phoenix area and will be held in mid-April.

We are requesting Tall Bearded, Border Bearded and Arilbred irises; both recent introductions and seedlings. Please ship up to 3 plants of each variety (note Trek 2026 on your package) to:

Dwayne Booth, 8683 E. Golden Cholla Dr., Gold Canyon, AZ 85118. DBooAnn1@msn.com

Please ship for plants to arrive between August 19, 2024 and August 29, 2024.

In addition to noting the name/seedling number on each plant, please include a packing list that includes the name/seedling number, hybridizer name and address, iris class and any other pertinent information.

In early 2026, hybridizers will be asked for their instructions on disposition of plants after the Trek. Plants requested by hybridizers to be returned to them will be charged shipping costs. No guest plants will be offered for sale on the internet.

The Trek Committee and the individual garden owners will adhere to the code of ethics as shown in the AIS Convention Handbook.

If you have any questions, please contact either of the 2 Trek co-chairs, Sharon Petterson, sharonpet29@gmail.com, or Ann Booth, annbooth_hr@hotmail.com.

Spring 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

AIS REGION 15 SPRING BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2024, 8:45 am

Riverside, CA

Welcome by Beth Train, RVP, followed by introductions.

Minutes from the Winter Board Meeting on January 13, 2024 were approved with the correction of High Desert Iris and Daylily Society to Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society. Mason Train moved that the Minutes be accepted with this correction. Cheryl Deaton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judges Training report by Mary Hanson - There are 30 Region 15 judges: 20 G/E, 1 Emeritus, 8 Master and 1 Apprentice Judge. Region 15 also has 3 judges training students.

Membership Report by Mason Train – 216 members including 1 youth, 139 in California and 77 in Arizona. We need to encourage more youth membership. A special opportunity: with full membership to AIS (print and digital), you will receive 2 free youth memberships.

Awards Report by Claire Schneider – Awards have transitioned from plaques to checks. Please vote for your favorite iris today and the winners will be announced during the evening festivities.

Youth report by Cheryl Deaton – We have only 1 youth member, which is beyond sad. It is only \$8 for membership without a print copy of the bulletin and \$12 for membership with a print copy of the bulletin.

Editor report by Olga Batalov – September 1, 2024 is the deadline for all reports to be submitted for the next issue of the regional newsletter.

Historian report by Sue Brown – Sue is still working on archiving printed reports.

Ways and Means – no report

Affiliate Reports:

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society – Sue Brown – On Saturday, 4/27/2024, there will be a sale at the Palmdale Elks Lodge of both potted and rhizome iris. Future sales will include day lilies and arilbred irises.

Inland Region Iris Society – Beth Train – Riverside Community Flower Show and Garden Tours are 4/27 - 4/28/2024. Potted irises will be available for sale.

Lompoc Valley Iris Society – Cindy Martin – Their pop-up sale in the spring was at the Lavender Farm. It rained but was successful. They held a garden show open to the public. July 27, 2024 will be their rhizome sale.

Orange County Iris and Daylily Club – Derry Gerald – The club has low membership attendance due to the poor health of its members. \$25 donation for the AIS convention basket still needs to be sent.

Prescott Area Iris Society – No one present. Their meeting is today

San Diego Iris Society – Claire Schneider - May 4 and 5 is the Spring Show at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, admission is free. June 9, 2024 is the awards meeting complete with ice cream and election of new officers. SDIS does not meet in the summer. August 24 and 25, 2024 is their rhizome sale. The club meets on the second Sunday of the month, except October of 2024 because of the Region 15 fall meeting when they will meet on the third Sunday, October 20.

San Fernando Valley Iris Society – Jill Bonino for Andi Rivarola – They had a show on the first weekend in April. The blooms are late so there were few entries.

Southern California Iris Society – Brian Moon – Their show was last week. 'Mind Blowing' won Best of Show. There were 8 artistic exhibits. All are invited to attend club meetings at the LA County Arboretum, with free admission on the fourth Saturday of the month. On the last weekend in April, Thursday to Sunday, the club will be at the Crystal Court in South Coast Plaza selling iris rhizomes. Last year, they sold out by mid-Friday.

Sun Country Iris Society (Phoenix, AZ) – Sharon Petterson – Last weekend was their show at a nursery. There were 58 horticulture entries and 11 artistic entries. They had two sets of judges. Kathy Chilton attended. Best of Show was 'You're So Veined,' Best Seedling by Francelle Edwards, Best Spuria: "No Mas Dinero" by Charles Jenkins. They sold out of the potted irises. At another sale, 150 rhizomes were sold in one hour. Sales in the fall were very strong. Three judges' trainings were held in northern Sedona, Payson and Forest Lakes, which all have different seasons due to the different elevations. Meetings are the first Tuesdays of the month, except July which is a vacation month. There will be an ice cream party in August. They have no youth members at this time.

Tucson Area Iris Society – Kathy Chilton – Their Iris Show and Sale was today in conjunction with the Rose Society of Tucson. The club is not showing interest at the regional or national levels.

Old Business:

2024 National Convention will be on June 26-29, 2024 - hosted by the Greater Portland Iris Society and Society For Japanese Irises.

New Business:

AIS 2024 TB Symposium Ballot: vote for 25 out of 527 total cultivars and email Beth with your vote. Write down the number of the entries. The deadline is August 1, 2024. See the ballot in the Spring 2024 issue of the AIS bulletin, which is available to download now from irises.org. Both AIS members and non-members may vote.

Trek Wheel:

October 12, 2024: Fall Meeting hosted by Prescott Area Iris Society in Prescott, AZ.

April 25-26, 2025: Spring Trek hosted by Inland Region Iris Society in Redlands, CA. Friday will be the board meeting. The garden at Wild Oak Farms, owned by Tony and Cheryl Hicks, is five years old. Rooms at the La Quinta hotel has been reserved.

Fall Meeting 2025 hosted by Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society at the Huntington Library - awaiting approval of date.

Spring Trek 2026 hosted by Sun Country Iris Society in Phoenix, AZ - There will be buses from the east to the west valley to view the three gardens, including spuria iris. Lunch will be in the garden.

Fall Meeting 2026 – possibly Southern California Iris Society. Brian Moon says this club has adequate funds but needs manpower and support. The current active members are unable to plan and put on an event. Brian is seeking willing volunteers to work together. Members from OCIDC were suggested to assist.

Spring Trek 2027 hosted by San Diego Iris Society – Claire Schneider is putting out requests for guest iris.

Fall Meeting 2027 – OPEN – possibly San Fernando Valley Iris Society

Spring Trek 2028 – OPEN

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

Submitted by Lois Farr, Region 15 secretary

AIS REGION 15 SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Attendance compiled by Beth Train, RVP

Total: 62

HDIDS: 11

IRIS: 25

LVIS: 4

OCIDC: 3

SDIS: 5

SFVIS: 1 (3 if counting those with several club affiliations)

SoCal Iris Society: 3 (4 if counting those with several club affiliations)

Sun Country: 1

TAIS: 1

Mountains and Plains (CO): 1

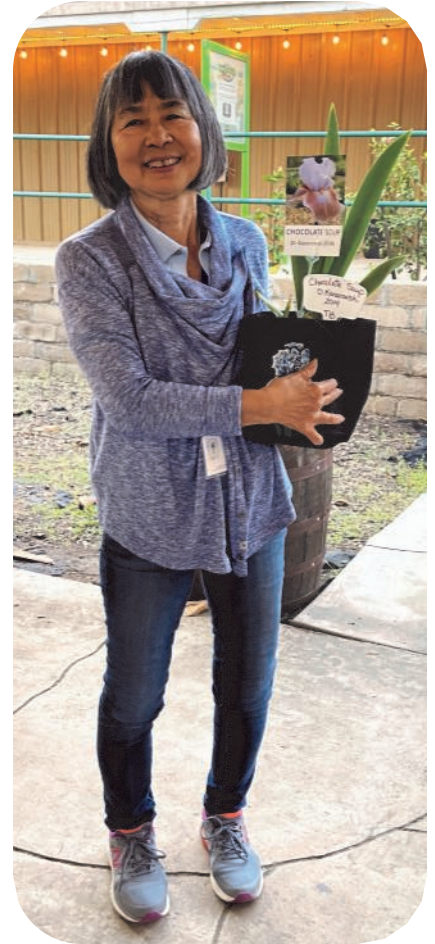
Society for Pacific Coast Native Iris: 2

Yosemite Iris Society: 2 (guest speaker D. Kanarowski and wife Diane)

Unaffiliated: Riverside, CA: 2

Portland, OR: 1

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*Photo credits: Mason
and Beth Train*

Spring Trek attendees enjoying their lunch



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Trek Garden - Holk Memorial Garden



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Prescott Area Iris Society

welcomes you to

'Iris In The Pines'

Fall Conference October 12, 2024

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

at the

Highlands Center of Natural History

In the Prescott National Forest

Featuring guest speaker & Judges training

Rick Tasco

*Newcomers to the garden -
Arilbreds & others*



RICK TASCO

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Registration Form
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Registration fee:	Adults	Registration received by September 14th	\$70.00
	Adults	Registration received September 15 thru October 12	\$75.00
	Youth		\$35.00

Includes continental breakfast, beverages & a wonderful lunch from Wildflower Bread Co.

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Iris Society Affiliation: _____

Judges Training: Yes () No () Please indicate the number attending judges training. _____

Please make checks payable to Prescott Area Iris Society. Mail registration check & registration form to Sherry Williams, 6571 E. Dalton Way, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Registrations must be received no later than September 14th

We have arranged with the Hampton Inn for a rate of \$189.00 per night (see page 20 for details)

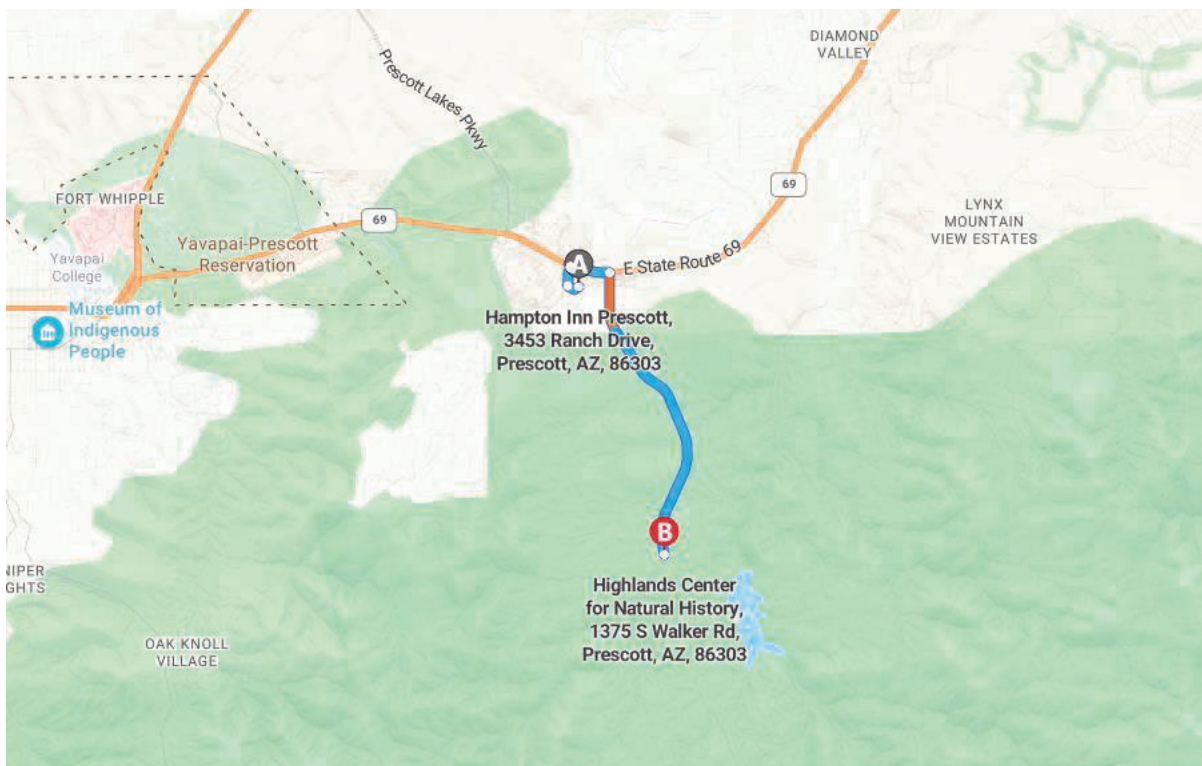
Conference location: Highlands Center of Natural History,
375 S. Walker Rd
Prescott, AZ 86303

Our conference is being held in the Kieckhefer Classroom at the Highlands Center of Natural History. The Highlands Center is an 80-acre campus in the Prescott National Forest near Lynx Lake, with remarkable facilities, and offers community events and outdoor educational programs and opportunities year-round.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

- 8:30-9:30 AM Registration, Continental breakfast, raffle & silent auction open
- 9:00-10:00 AM Region 15 Board Meeting with Beth Train RVP
- 10:00-11:00 AM General Meeting
- 11:00-12:30 PM Speaker - Rick Tasco, Superstition Iris Gardens
- 12:30-1:30 PM Buffet Lunch - Classroom & patio seating
- 1:30-3:00 PM Indoor Judges Training - Rick Tasco
- 3:00-4:00 PM Raffle & silent auction results



Questions regarding the conference, hotels, location, access or?

Contact Kathleen Shaffer, irisfun351@gmail.com or Sherry Williams, duckwalkdesigns@gmail.com

Hotel accommodations:

- The Prescott Hampton Inn is 2.3 miles from the Highlands Center. This is a lovely hotel that offers completely renovated rooms and an indoor pool (bring your suits). We have reserved a block of rooms for our conference at the rate of \$189.00 per night. Our group name is 'IRIS GATHERING.' Call in your reservation to (928) 445-5500 and use the group name when registering. Deadline for booking rooms to guarantee rate & availability is September 13th.
- There are a number of other hotels within close proximity to the conference location as well as RV, rental cabins and camping locations within Prescott National Forest.
- Travel: Travel by car or there are flights to Prescott from LAX.

The Prescott Area Iris Society welcomes you to the AIS Region 15 2024 Fall Conference in beautiful and historical Prescott, Arizona. Located in the central mountains of Arizona 90 miles north of Phoenix and 95 miles south of Flagstaff, Prescott has diverse climate variations based on altitudes from approximately 4000' to 8000' within a radius of 40 miles, making it an excellent environment for growing iris.

Prescott area sites to see:

- Courthouse Square, Whiskey Row (Montezuma between Gurley & Goodwin Sts), Downtown Historic district shops, galleries, antiques stores, breweries, and eateries.
- Sharlot Hall Museum, Phippen Western Arts Museum, Museum of Indigenous People
- Yavapai College Sculpture Garden & Iris Gardens (maintained by PAIS)
- Lynx Lake, Goldwater Lake, Watson Lake, Willow Lake, Granite Basin Lake, Fain Lake

Northern Arizona sites to see:

- Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon and the red rock country
- Verde Valley Scenic Railroad, Clarkdale
- Grand Canyon National Park & the Grand Canyon Railroad
- Tuzigoot National Monument, Clarkdale
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- The Desert Botanical Gardens, Heard Museum, OdySea Aquarium & the Butterfly Wonderland

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Inland Region Iris Society

will host

Spring Day in a Secret Garden

April 25-26, 2025

Guest Speaker

Bob Van Liere of Iris4u Garden



Hotel

**La Quinta Inn & Suites
12952 14th St.
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Location

**The Gardens of Wild Oak Farms
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REGION 15 PRESIDENTS' REPORTS



Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society Report

By Sue Brown, President

This summer in the Antelope Valley was unbearable. 20 of 31 days in July with temperatures over 100 degrees, and the low temperatures at night were over 80 degrees. Many of my plants died. We can only work in our gardens during the morning, then we seek the comfort of our air condition houses.

In April, we had a successful Show and Sale at the Palmdale Elks Lodge. There were many fabulous artistic designs by numerous exhibitors. Five arrangements were from two youth exhibitors. I hoped they will come back next year. There was an English Box. If the stalks are not good enough for the horticulture divisions, the blossoms can be arranged in an English Box. Because of the advertisements by the team, numerous customers came to purchase irises and day lilies. Only five cultivars were left at the end of the sale.

Finding a location to have our meetings had been a challenge. For the last two years, we held our meetings at the Antelope Acres Community Center. Well, the center is red tagged and set to be demolished. We are searching for a new location to meet.

Our July meeting was held at the home of our secretary, Nancy Lemos. Rhizome Give-A-Way, the program for our August meeting was held on Marilyn Kiger's, our treasurer, patio. We had purchased rhizomes from five different gardens. Twenty-six members attended and each member received at least three free rhizomes. Marilyn is gracious and we will meet again on her patio in September for the auction of the rhizomes from the Region 15 Spring Trek.

Thank you Inland Region Iris Society for hosting the Spring Trek. There was only one garden and all the irises were in raised beds. Other than the guest irises, there were many irises in bloom, since the venue is the club garden for IRIS.

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Orange County Iris and Daylily Club Report

By Derry Gerald, President

Hello everyone! First, I would like to take this opportunity to give everyone that helped Region 15 with the Spring Trek a big THANK YOU. The "worker bees" from IRIS did a super great job. It was one of the best ever, and so enjoyable to spend time in the garden and not on a bus. A very special thank you to Beth Train.

Orange County is still struggling for membership, but we are hanging in there. We all enjoyed getting the region iris. They were in excellent condition this year. We also had our "members-only" auction. Bobby Hogancamp will soon be ordering the daylilies for our auction.

Our programs have been varied. We had a very interesting program about bees, and programs from AIS. Some members also have given programs.

I have to finish potting up all my new iris. Then, when I am sure all of the gophers are gone, I'll have to get them planted. For now, I'll continue dreaming of how beautiful my garden will be!

Love to all, Derry

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Lompoc Valley Iris Society Report

By Cindy Martin, President

For flowers that bloom such a short time, they sure keep us busy all year round. What a strange and mysterious power they have over us! What is so demanding about irises? In actuality, absolutely nothing. They will grow, bloom, and spread all on their own, decade after decade, just for you or even with no audience. It is therefore in our attempt to make this beauty accessible to others that hard work becomes necessary. Digging, dividing, labeling, and planting irises are acts of love and sacrifice that one person does for another, or one club does for a community. In these flowers, we find some purpose: to serve one another and to connect over something beautiful.

Can you tell that we've been busy? You'd think that by the way I'm talking, these plants have got me pondering the very meaning of existence. Well, they do. It is only after the thrill of springtime passes that one can truly grasp the full-blown nature of what domesticating irises really means. Especially in the heat of summer, when all our digging and shoveling and dividing must take place! "But wait, those rhizomes still need to be presented to the public, and what's left must go into the ground! No time to waste!" And waste time, we have not. Our little club has been very busy indeed.

After the spring rush of our garden tour, our potted pop-up sale, the Spring Trek in Riverside and a few members (including myself) making the journey to Schreiner's and Mid-America Iris Gardens in Salem, Oregon, summer snuck up on us fast. We held our annual summer pot-luck meeting, where membership coordinator Ken Ainslie held a fun and entertaining demonstration on dividing iris (*left photo*). And just in time, since we needed to divide several hundred rhizomes to offer our community for our Annual Summer Rhizome Sale. (We also squeezed in a small ice cream social and iris trade.) Our sale was a success once again. We were able to essentially hit our goal of \$1,500, which is a reasonable goal for our small club. After the sale, the leftover rhizomes were slated to be donated to a local comprehensive care center in Lompoc (*middle two photos*), a community service project headed by LVIS member Leslie Kelly. Leslie was able to coordinate with the care center and secure a large space in their recreational garden where we could plant irises, mostly rebloomers, for the residents to enjoy. This project is still ongoing, taking place over the last couple of weeks and continuing into the first weekend in September.

I mustn't forget to mention our August meeting and private club auction! What a fun day! There weren't as many of us that were able to make it this year because of travel and other obligations, but that only meant less competition with bidding on the coveted trek iris! (I know, shame on me.) Oh, and over the past several events we've hosted this year, we have signed up 5 new members, and two of them were able to make their debut with us during this auction! Not a bad first meeting, especially with all that wonderful pot-luck food (*rightmost photo*). (LVIS loves iris, but we love to eat, too.)

It's obvious that we here at LVIS have no plans on slowing down yet this year. We've still got a whole show garden to build in the next two months. Hopefully by the next president's report, I'll be able to include pictures of the finished product. Wish us luck, and happy growing to all!



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Inland Region Iris Society Report

By Beth Train, President

Hello Region 15. Yes, it's me, again. IRIS had its election of officers last July and guess what? The outgoing officers were re-elected for another year as no one stepped up for the officer positions.

This is a summer of unrelenting heat. I can hardly wait for the cooler autumn temperatures and winter rains. Thankfully, spring turned out to be glorious! The IRIS club garden bloomed beautifully in time for the AIS Region 15 Spring Trek. There was good attendance and everyone had fun reconnecting with iris friends over iris blooms, delicious food, educational programs, and wonderful raffle prizes. Thank you to all of you who joined us for this event. I hope you will attend next year's Spring Trek, which we are hosting at a different garden and venue.

Mason and I attended the AIS National Convention in Portland, OR last June. We had a lovely time learning about this class of irises, which we don't personally grow. It was great to see the Japanese irises in full bloom at the convention gardens. The flowers make the most wonderful flower arrangements. Check out the photos on page 10 that I took at the welcome and award dinners. The arrangements were made by John and Kay Ludi from flowers from Chad Harris' garden.

IRIS has 58 members. We enjoyed a watercolor class on irises last July. August was the Members Only Auction with rhizomes from Mid-America, Keppel, Iris4U and Sutton. Members had a fun night bidding against each other and we all took home wonderful selections. The programs for the rest of the year are as follows:

September 3	Region 15 Rhizome Auction
September 21-22	Annual Fall Rhizome Sale at the JMDC, Riverside, CA
October 1	Round Table Discussion on Iris Care and Culture
November 5	Novelty Irises: JT by Beth Train, 1.5 credit hours
December 3	Christmas Party, Gift Exchange, Cookie Exchange
January 7	<i>To be confirmed</i>
February 4	AIS National Convention 2024: A Walk Through, by Beth Train
March 4	Iris Show (Mock) Horticulture Section
April 1	Business Meeting: last minute preparation for the Spring Trek 2025
April 12	IRIS Show and Potted Iris Sale at JMDC
April 25-26	AIS Spring Trek 2025 "Spring Day In A Secret Garden," Redlands, CA
May 6	Hybridizing Irises, by Lori Rhodes of Crafton Hills Iris Farm, Redlands, CA; Nomination of Officers
June 3	Fun and Games Night; Election of Officers

You are welcome to attend our meetings every first Tuesday of the month (except holidays) at the Goeske Senior Center in Riverside, CA at 6 pm.

I am looking forward to attending the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Prescott, AZ this October. I hope to see most of you there.

See you at the iris gardens.

Beth 8/26/2024

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San Diego Iris Society Report

By Mary Hanson, President

Hello, everyone!

San Diego Iris Society had a successful spring show and potted plant sale the first weekend in May. Since the weekend included the 5th of May, we chose "Mexican Holiday" as the theme to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with iris in San Diego. There were around 100 horticultural entries and 5 artistic designs. Several first time entrants won club awards for best iris by color. The best specimen of show was a spuria. Three youth novices entered the artistic design division, one of which was a 4 year old who won an honorable mention for his "Piñatas" entry (*photo at right*) that he did all by himself. A second-time adult artistic design entrant won Best Arrangement.



In June, we had our awards presentation, officer elections and ice cream social. Jan Benoit stepped up and was elected VP. Olga stayed on as secretary and Janis stayed on as treasurer.

The SDIS board held their summer planning meeting on Saturday August 24th. SDIS has decided to add a new club award for Best Arilbred, possibly in memory of Roger Duncan, partner of Rick Tasco of Superstition Gardens.

Looking ahead, SDIS is holding our rhizome sale in Balboa Park on Labor Day weekend. In October, we will have the members-only auction of the rhizomes sent to the club from the Region 15 Spring Trek. We have decided to contribute \$500 to the Region regardless of the proceeds from the auction.

In November, we have a guest artist coming to teach us how to create garden art by painting iris on rocks. In December, we will have our annual holiday party at Claire's house.

Mary Hanson

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Photos taken by SDIS member Tammy Priest, except bottom left photo taken by Olga Batalov



Top left: SDIS member Bill won Best Specimen of Show and Best Spuria with SPU 'Steely Don' (Aitken 2012)

Top right: Janis Shackelford, SDIS treasurer, won the AIS Silver Medal for most blue ribbons, as well as 7 of our club awards

Middle left: Jan Benoit, our new SDIS VP, won Best Blue with 'Aaron's Dream' (G Sutton 1994)

Middle right: Mary Hanson won Best Plicata, a club award, with 'Camera Ready' (Tasco 2009)

Bottom left: SDIS member Sigrid won Best Arrangement and AIS Best Design of Show

Bottom right: SDIS member Carmen won Best Purple with 'Not Broke This Time' (Tyson 2015), one of her first entries in our show





San Fernando Valley Iris Society Report

By Andi Rivarola, President

Hello all,

Our group is holding steady. At the moment, we have 70 members. This year, we lost some dear and valuable members, and we're missing them terribly.

Programs coming up:

- August 1: Jill Bonino Digital Presentation
- September 5: Annual Iris Auction
- October 3: Scholarship Recipient Mitch Miller Presentation
- November 7: Iris GAMES!
- December 5: Holiday Potluck Dinner

The Spring Show was a bit too early this year, but next year it will be on April 19th, thus promising to be better. Looking forward to a great 2025!

Photos:

Top left: May meeting

Top right: Jan Lauritzen

Bottom left: spring show winners

Bottom right: Aprille Curtis with her blue ribbon winning iris



Credits: top left photo by Andi Rivarola; top right photo by Christine Griego-Anderson

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Southern California Iris Society Report

By Brian Moon, President

Our Club is ecstatic to welcome two new members. Increasing membership will continue to be a priority as Brian Moon and Leigh Nicolai-Moon will be moving to the Tucson area in early 2025 after over 25 years with this and other clubs in the area.

Our spring sales were a tremendous success. Our sales brought in a record amount. Both sales were completely sold out on the last day. These funds enabled us to order over 100 rhizomes for our fall auction, many of which were 2023 & 2024 introductions.

An upcoming event is the beardless/species auction at the end of September. Jill Bonino will be giving a presentation on the 2024 AIS convention in October. Everyone is welcome to attend our meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum on Oct. 26th 10 am. Let the person at the front gate know you are going to the iris meeting in the Bamboo Room.



Top: Best Design of Show & Artistic Sweepstakes winner, Derry Gerald



Middle left: Best of Show & Silver medal winner, Lynn McIlwain



Middle right: 1st time Plicata trophy winner, Jill Bonino

Bottom: The best of the best from the spring show



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Prescott Area Iris Society Report

By Marty Boxer, President

Greetings all, from the Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS).

We have had a great spring and summer of iris activity. Our timing was perfect for a spring show and potted iris sale. Amazing number of stems on display from members and the local community, and the sale filled our coffers. Plus, we signed up new members, keeping our rolls over 100.



Our ice cream social and photo contest combined for a sweet midsummer meeting. Now that almost everyone has a camera/cellphone with them all the time, there's ample opportunity to get pictures. And iris are so photogenic!



And then came some hard work... digging, dividing and selling rhizomes, and potting about 500 more rhizomes for next spring's sale. Whew!

Next up is our fall conference, "Iris in the Pines," by the shore of Lynx Lake on October 12. Our guest speaker will be noted hybridizer Rick Tasco. We invite you to join us in beautiful Prescott to experience our mile-high hospitality and a fantastic program. We have lots of nice raffle and silent auction items, too!

*Top left: Spring Show
Bottom left: 'Lest We Forget' (George Sutton, 2008)*

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Top right: Cathy Sar and Marty Boxer at the Spring Show

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Left top, middle and right photos: PAIS work parties to help dig, clean, sell and pot up rhizomes

Photos taken by Marty Boxer



Sun Country Iris Society Report

By Sharon Petterson, President

Sun Country Iris Society enjoyed a busy spring and summer with interesting meetings and a great AIS show in April at Berridge Nursery. SCIS monthly meetings, except July, are held at the Valley Garden Center. We had 4 judges' trainings held at member's gardens and trainings done by member certified judges. Two members with higher elevation gardens dig and donate rhizomes for an August sale in Payson at 5000' elevation. Other members dig in October for sales in the Phoenix area. Members also purchase at our September and October meetings. Rhizomes left over are potted and cared for to sell in the spring. We are receiving generous guest iris to plant for the 2026 Spring Trek at 3 member gardens.



Above left: Ikebana Japanese Artistic Design program by Janet Klann, with Sharon Petterson wearing a kimono her late husband brought from Japan in 1964 (photo by member). *Above middle:* Luis Verger won Best Artistic Design of Show; *above right and middle right:* Artistic Design entries in April AIS Show; *below left:* AIS show judges Dale Liggett, Christine Smith, Ardi Kary, Nancy Evans, Kathy Chilton (all members of SCIS); *below middle:* Sharon Petterson brought spurias from her garden to give away at Spring Trek, standing to the left of Kathy Chilton (photo by member); *below right:* Doug Kanarowski and his wife Diane enjoy delicious food at Spring Trek



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Row 1 left: Kathy Chilton at Crafton Hills Iris Farm; row 1 right: May program on honeybees as pollinators - plant more flowers for the bees; row 2 left: Judges Training at Darol Jurn garden in Sedona: Christine Smith, Nancy Evans, Dale Liggett, Sharon Petterson and Armon Cheatham (photo by member); row 2 middle: ice cream social and auction of Region 15 trek iris in August: Julie Grove, Luis Verger and Russ Carlson; row 2 right: program on drip irrigation given by member Russ Carlson; row 3 left: Ardi Kary's 90th birthday lunch: Dale, Lorna, Francine, Christine, Mary, Ardi and Dee (photo by server);

row 3 right: preparing iris for sale in Payson at Darol's Sedona garden: Darol Jurn, Dee Wilson, Lorna Corlett, Sharon Petterson, David Deckard (photo by Brenda Deckard); row 4: SCIS sale in Payson at 5000' elevation. Mary Platner, Lyn and Bill DeHaven sold \$1400 worth of rhizomes dug from high-elevation gardens of Darol Jurn, Hall Bradshaw and Cliff Morrison (photos by Darol Jurn)





Tucson Area Iris Society Report

By Sue Clark, Secretary

In April, TAIS hosted our second judged show in two years, with 'Belle Fille' as Queen of Show. In May, our president, Kevin, demonstrated how to hybridize irises and grow their seeds. Members had a chance to try applying pollen to the stigmatic lip themselves - and it was not easy! We do not meet in June or July. Our annual fund-raising rhizome auction heads up our August meeting, and everyone will have a chance to add some new and lovely irises in their gardens. We hope to top last year's numbers at our rhizome sale in September. Our member-photographers will shine during our 7th annual photo contest in October. We'll round out the year with our potluck, which, besides much excellent food, includes a plant and seed exchange.



Susan won Best Specimen of Show with 'Belle Fille'



Sue Clark won Artistic Sweepstakes

Bottom photos taken by Dave Smith at the TAIS show

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Top photo taken by Sue Brown at the TAIS show



Photos by Dave Smith except the two iris close-ups (above) taken by Sue Clark

Bottom photo from May meeting



AIS Region 15 2024-2025 Calendar

Month	Day	Event	Location
September, 2024	3	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Region 15 Rhizome Auction	Riverside, CA
	3	SCIS Monthly Meeting: Tall bearded iris rhizome auction	Phoenix, AZ
	5	SFVIS Monthly Meeting: Annual Iris Auction	Canoga Park, CA
	21	<u>TAIS Rhizome Sale</u> at Harlow Gardens Nursery	Tucson, AZ
	21	PAIS Monthly Meeting: Creative Design by Isabel Olsen, members-only iris silent auction	Prescott Valley, AZ
	21-22	<u>IRIS Annual Fall Rhizome Sale</u> at JMDC	Riverside, CA
	28	Southern California Iris Society meeting: beardless/species auction	Arcadia, CA
October, 2024	1	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Round Table Discussion - iris care and culture	Riverside, CA
	1	SCIS Monthly Meeting: arilbred, spuria and LA rhizome auctions	Phoenix, AZ
	3	SFVIS Monthly Meeting: Scholarship Recipient Mitch Miller Presentation	Canoga Park, CA
	12	<u>Region 15 Fall Meeting</u> (registration on pages 18-20)	Prescott, AZ
	12	TAIS Meeting: Jim Walworth on fertilizing iris, annual photo contest winners announced	Tucson, AZ
	19	<u>SCIS public rhizome sale</u> at Whitfill Nursery (820 N. Cooper Rd)	Gilbert, AZ
	20	SDIS General Meeting: members-only Region 15 iris auction	Lakeside, CA
	26	Southern California Iris Society meeting: Jill Bonino - AIS convention	Arcadia, CA
26	<u>SCIS public rhizome sale</u> at Metro Tech HS (1900 W Thomas Rd)	Phoenix, AZ	
November, 2024	5	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Novelty Irises: JT by Beth Train (1.5 hours)	Riverside, CA
	5	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	7	SFVIS Monthly Meeting: Iris GAMES!	Canoga Park, CA
	10	SDIS General Meeting: Penny Culbertson of IRIS: iris rock painting	Lakeside, CA
	13	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
	16	PAIS General Meeting: Kathy Chilton, Irisarian Extraordinaire, and 2025 board election	Prescott Valley, AZ
December, 2024	3	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Christmas party, gift and cookie exchange	Riverside, CA
	3	SCIS Monthly Meeting: Holiday celebration, induction of officers	Phoenix, AZ
	5	SFVIS Monthly Meeting: Holiday Potluck Dinner	Canoga Park, CA
	8	SDIS General Meeting: holiday party at Claire's house	Ramona, CA
	11	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
January, 2025	2	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	7	IRIS Monthly Meeting	Riverside, CA
	7	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	8	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
	12	SDIS General Meeting: Mason Train of IRIS: iris photography	Lakeside, CA
	25	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
February, 2025	4	IRIS Monthly Meeting: AIS National Convention 2024 by Beth Train	Riverside, CA
	4	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	6	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	SDIS Birthday Party: guest speaker: Judy Nolin on species/SPX	Lakeside, CA

Month	Day	Event	Location
February, 2025	12	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
	22	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
March, 2025	4	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Iris Show (Mock) Horticulture Section	Riverside, CA
	4	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	6	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	SDIS General Meeting: Cathy Egerer from HIPS (tentative)	Lakeside, CA
	12	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
	22	Southern California Iris Society monthly meeting	Arcadia, CA
April, 2025	1	IRIS Monthly Meeting: Last minute preparation for Spring Trek 2025	Riverside, CA
	1	SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
	3	SFVIS Monthly Meeting	Canoga Park, CA
	9	Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA
	12	<u>IRIS Show and Potted Iris Sale</u> at JMDC	Riverside, CA
	13	SDIS General Meeting - program on spring show best practices	Lakeside, CA
	19	<u>SFVIS Iris Show</u>	Canoga Park, CA
	19	<u>TAIS Iris Show</u> - in combination with Rose Society of Tucson's Show at Trinity Presbyterian Church	Tucson, AZ
	25-26	<u>Region 15 Spring Trek</u> (flyer on page 21)	Redlands, CA
	May, 2025	1	SFVIS Monthly Meeting
3-4		<u>SDIS spring show and sale</u> - Balboa Park, Casa del Prado rm 101	San Diego, CA
6		IRIS Monthly Meeting: Hybridizing Irises by Lori Rhodes of Crafton Hills Iris Farm, and election of officers	Riverside, CA
6		SCIS Monthly Meeting	Phoenix, AZ
14		Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meeting - call to confirm	Garden Grove, CA

AIS REGION 15 AFFILIATE SOCIETY MEETINGS

Hi Desert Iris & Daylily Society (HDIDS) meetings: 1-3 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the ~~Antelope Acres Community Center, 8820 West Avenue E 8, Lancaster, CA 93536~~ unless otherwise stated. HDIDS, P.O. Box 4572 Lancaster, CA 93539
Visit: facebook.com/hidesertiris/ NOTE: the meeting location now varies (more details on page 22).

Inland Region Iris Society (IRIS) meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Janet Goeske Center, 5257 Sierra Street, Riverside, CA. Visit: facebook.com/Inland-Region-Iris-Society

For Lompoc Valley Iris Society meetings contact the LVIS president or visit: facebook.com/Lompoc-Valley-Iris-Society

Orange County Iris & Daylily Club (OCIDC) meetings: 2nd Wednesday every month at 2 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 11832 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA. Inquire with Derry Gerald (562-420-9190) in case meeting has been cancelled.

Prescott Area Iris Society (PAIS) meetings are held from 1:30-3:30 pm (except as noted) at Stoneridge Community Center, 1300 Stoneridge Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. For calendar of events go to www.prescottirissociety.org or [Facebook](https://facebook.com/pais).

San Diego Iris Society (SDIS) meetings: 2nd Sunday of most months of the year at 1 pm (unless a special event is planned) at 9906 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, CA. No meetings in July or August. www.sandiegoirissociety.org

San Fernando Valley Iris Society (SFVIS) meetings: 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA. sanfernandovalleyirissociety.org or facebook.com/sanfernandovalley.irissociety

Southern California Iris Society (SCIS), is back to holding regularly scheduled meetings at the Los Angeles Arboretum in the Lecture Hall (known as the Bamboo Room) at 10 am. Meetings are on the 4th Saturday in the months of January, February, March, June, July, August, September and October. The Los Angeles Arboretum is located at 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. facebook.com/SouthernCaliforniaIrisSociety

Sun Country Iris Society meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. www.suncountryiris.org

Tucson Area Iris Society (TAIS): Visit on Facebook. Calendar of events posted to the TAIS website at www.tucsoniris.org

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Region 15 Spring Trek 2024



Top left: Janis Shackelford won one of the Crafton Hills Iris Farm gift certificates

Top middle: Claire Schneider with amethyst wings, taken by Olga Batalov at the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center museum right next to our dining area - well worth the visit

Top right: TB 'Scoonchee' (DeSantis 1997) formed a huge clump

Bottom left: another view of the garden beds, photo by Sharon Petterson of SCIS-AZ (more photos on page 32)

Bottom right: Spring Trek attendees enjoying each other's company



Thank you Inland Region Iris Society!

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Winners from the Spring Trek 2024

Photo credits: Olga Batalov, except Fortune seedling and 'Black Widow' (Beth Train)



Best seedling from outside of AIS Region 15: Seedling 19-3I-A by Jim Geditz



Best Louisiana cultivar - 'Black Widow' (W.B. MacMillan, 1953)



Bernard Hamner for best seedling originating in AIS Region 15: Seedling HBF#2003 by Beverley Fortune



Herb Holk Award for best cultivar originating in AIS Region 15: 'Nancy's Lace' (Don Shepard, 2004)



Claire Barr award for best cultivar from outside of Region 15: 'Centennial Celebration' (Diana Ford, 2021)

